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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms was steady to barely steady. Moderate sales of packer labeled hens and tom with price ceilings. Supplies remain fully sufficient for current needs. Parts and meats trading was slow. Demand domestically continued to be slow with most purchasing only immediate needs also, further processing items continue to be sluggish.



### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading centered on frozen tom drums, balance light. Demand moderate with most processors rejecting lower bids. Offerings are mixed ranging from balanced to ample.

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **JUNE 12, 2003**

	CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/				FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	59-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	57-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	59-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	57	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	57-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **JUNE 13, 2003**

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8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	59-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	1326	JUL-AUG
CENTRAL REGION 4/	57-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	59-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	59	-	-	-	-	-	-	1210	JUL-AUG
CENTRAL REGION 4/	57	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	57-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

**WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

**WEEK OF JUNE 13, 2003** **CURRENT** **LAST**

**SAME WEEK**

	WEEK	WEEK	YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	60.50**	60.50**	65.00
CENTRAL REGION	62.00	60.50	64.90**
WESTERN REGION	60.30**	60.24	65.50**
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	59.00**	59.00**	59.00
CENTRAL REGION	57.00**	59.50	59.00
WESTERN REGION	57.70**	57.20	57.00

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,  
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	96
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	96
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	66
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	63-65
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	65-72

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY  
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	119-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	99-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	99-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	99-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	99-129

**FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT** U.S. GRADE A,  
DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION  
CENTS PER POUND, WEEK OF 16-JUN-2003

	(8-16#)	(16-24#)		
	HENS	LBS TOMS	LBS	
	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	67.00	50	64.00	15
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	67.00	50	64.00	15
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)		40		20

**TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND** (IN THOUSAND POUNDS)  
SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS

MAY	473,557*
JUNE 1-7, 2003	112,529*
To date 2003	2,354,251*
To date 2002	2,245,710*

\*PRELIMINARY

**NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS**BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 07-Jun-2003  
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

		<u>YOUNG TURKEYS</u>		<u>TOTAL TURKEYS</u>	
		PCT	AVG	OLD	AVG
		CHG	LIVE	BANDED	LIVE
-THOUSAND HEAD-	PW	WT	-THOUSAND HEAD-	WT	
N EAST	883	20	21.98	(A)	886 21.98
SATL	865	33	31.31	(A)	868 31.31
N CENT	2,268	25	32.30	(A)	2,271 32.30
S CENT	459	11	21.68	(A)	462 21.68
WEST	460	15	22.91	(A)	462 22.91
U.S. TOTAL	4,935(B)	23	28.42	14	4,949 28.42
TO-DATE					
2003	104,202(B)			333	104,535
TO-DATE					
2002	103,074(B)			172	103,246

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 58,000; for the year 1,394,000; last year to date 982,000.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED**

W/E 07-Jun-2003

	<u>YOUNG</u>		<u>YOUNG</u>		<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS			
	<u>THOUSANDS</u>					
HEAD	1,977	2,900	58	14		4,949
AVG WT	15.96	36.97	25.64	30.01		28.42
LAST WEEK	1,702	2,254	56	9		4,021
SAME WK YR AGO	1,862	2,879	46	10		4,797
AVG WT	15.72	36.00	25.59	28.88		28.01
TO-DATE/2003	40,947	61,861	1,394	333		104,535
TO-DATE/2002	41,378	60,714	982	172		103,246

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**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT**, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 12 JUNE 2003.

The market tone on tom bulk parts was fully steady instances firm on drums and full-cut wings. Steady to barely steady on 2-joint wings and barely steady to weak on necks. Bulk parts inquiry was limited for domestic usage, moderate to good for drums and full-cut wings for export, balance of product for domestic and export slow. Supplies of tom drums and full-cut wings close to adequate, with the balance of parts mixed regionally. Mechanically separated turkey remains soft and more than sufficient for current need. Demand light for the adequate to ample offerings. Trading was light on all items. Export trading noted on frozen tom necks 16.5 cents.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		T	87.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		F	83.50	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		W	21.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		R	20.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		T	18.00	6
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		T	15.31	195
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		T	19.00	12
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	25.00	12
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		T	54.00	40
NECKS, TOM	15.00		15.00	40
NECKS, HEN		T	17.00	15
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		T	118.57	28
THIGH MEAT		T	52.00	120
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	52.00	80
BREAST TRIM MEAT				
SCAPULA MEAT		M	55.00	80
TENDERLOINS		W	96.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		F	118.00	8
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	48.00		48.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	19.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		M	19.00	20
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	21.50-22.00		21.86	148
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	13.50		13.50	108
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	21.00	52
TAILS		R	17.50	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	13.50	208
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	44.50		44.50	324
EXPORT TRADING				

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 13 JUNE 2003.**

The market tone on fresh white meat was steady to barely steady, frozen steady to weak. Some processors noted increased add-on business to fresh tom breast meat contracts, otherwise, fresh white meat demand light for the adequate to ample offerings. Frozen white meat demand was slow with only very limited buyer interest noted. Offerings of frozen white meat ranged adequate to burdensome. The undertone was mostly steady on thigh meat with buyers resisting the lower buyer bids for some export destinations. Trading centered on light volumes of tom drums for export, balance slow. Tom necks traded at 16.50 cents delivered export.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE	WTD AVG	VOLUME	WEEKLY WTD AVG	WEEKLY VOLUME
		1/ T	PRICE	(000)	PRICE	(000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		T	87.00	20	87.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		F		83.50	80	
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	22.00-23.00		22.50	80	21.53	228
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	23.00		23.00	40	23.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	18.00-19.00		18.23	52	18.15	78
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	18.00		18.00	40	15.44	315
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	20.00		20.00	55	19.82	67
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	25.00	12	25.00	12
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	54.00-55.00		54.33	120	54.25	160
NECKS, TOM		R	15.00	40	17.35	142
NECKS, HEN	17.00		17.00	15	17.00	30
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	118.00		118.00	71	118.16	99
THIGH MEAT	47.00		47.00	40	50.75	160
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	52.00	80		
BREAST TRIM MEAT						
SCAPULA MEAT		M	55.00	80	55.00	80
TENDERLOINS		W	96.00	40	96.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS						
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		R	48.00	80	48.00	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	118.00		118.00	20	118.00	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	19.00	40	19.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	18.00-18.50		18.10	100	18.25	120
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	21.50-24.00		22.53	248	21.29	864
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	13.50	108	13.38	460
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	21.00	52	21.00	52
TAILS						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	18.00		18.00	20	18.00	20
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	51.50-52.00		51.86	72	46.30	696

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